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IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows:

~~METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF-PASSIVATED COPPER INTERCONNECT~~
STRUCTURE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add this paragraph before the first paragraph on page 1:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application 10/207,548 filed on 7/29/02 , now allowed.